

Please amend the Abstract on page 10 as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A transmitter optical sub assembly includes a laser source ~~(10)~~ having associated therewith a laser driver ~~(18)~~ and a package ~~(24)~~ for housing the laser source (10) and the laser driver ~~(18)~~. The package includes respective separate compartments ~~(26, 30)~~ for the laser source ~~(10)~~ and the laser driver ~~(18)~~, wherein a package wall, which is opaque to IR emission, separates the laser source ~~(10)~~ from the laser driver ~~(18)~~. The laser source ~~(10)~~ and the laser driver ~~(18)~~ are arranged in those separate compartments ~~(26, 30)~~ whereby the laser source ~~(10)~~ is exempt from being directly irradiated by the laser driver ~~(18)~~.

~~(Figure 4)~~